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1. Action Canada for Population and Development

Special, 2004

Significant changes in the organization

Owing to a decrease in funding resulting from the global financial crisis, the organization ended the reporting period with three full-time staff members, despite having begun the period with six staff members.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The organization works in a few key ways to contribute to the work of the United Nations. First, it works within the United Nations system to raise awareness of violations of sexual and reproductive rights and to urge action on such matters. That includes meeting with diplomats during sessions of United Nations bodies to draw their attention to the issues. It is also involved in the mechanisms of the United Nations human rights system, including two key submechanisms of the Human Rights Council, namely, the system of special procedures and the universal periodic review.

Second, the organization works with Government officials and parliamentarians in Canada to raise awareness of global problems relating to sexual and reproductive health and rights and to urge the Government of Canada to meet financial targets with respect to official development assistance and greater investments in sexual and reproductive health. Such efforts relate directly to advancing progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Third, the organization engages in building the capacity of civil society organizations around the world with respect to how to use the United Nations human rights system to advance human rights within their country.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has actively participated in the following meetings of the United Nations during the reporting period:

- Every session of the Human Rights Council, including plenary meetings and negotiations on resolutions relevant to the mandate of the organization, for which it made oral statements
- Every session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, including observing its proceedings
- Plenary and parallel meetings of every session of the Commission on the Status of Women, except for the fifty-fifth session, held in 2011
- Plenary and parallel meetings of every session of the Commission on Population and Development, except for the forty-first session, held in 2008

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has worked closely with UNFPA and hosted the Canadian launch of its annual *State of World Population Report* during the reporting period. In addition, the organization attended an expert meeting held in New York on 8 and 9 October 2009 by UNFPA relating to sexual and reproductive health. It also

co-organized parallel events on human rights-based approaches to reducing maternal mortality and morbidity, featuring the participation of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the World Health Organization and UNFPA. The events were held in the margins of the eleventh and eighteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has conducted research on the amounts of official development assistance that the Government of Canada devotes to sexual and reproductive health. The organization has engaged Canadian parliamentarians and media in generating awareness of its findings, in order for the Government of Canada to increase its resource allocations in such areas and meet the United Nations target of allocating 0.7 per cent of gross national income to official development assistance. The organization and an all-party parliamentary group on population and development have co-hosted numerous public events on Parliament Hill in Ottawa designed to raise the awareness of legislators and policymakers on sexual and reproductive health realities overseas and of the role of Canada in addressing such issues.

During the reporting period, the organization also worked with other partners of the International Initiative on Maternal Mortality and Human Rights to raise awareness of the problem of maternal mortality as a human rights violation and of the importance of using human rights-based approaches in maternal mortality-related policies and programmes.

2. African Aid Organization

Special, 2008

Introduction

The organization is devoted to providing education, nutrition, support services and care to children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS and to their loved ones in sub-Saharan Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to increase the commitment and abilities of young people to avoid or reduce behaviours that put them at risk of infection of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. It increases awareness through a series of theatrical presentation workshops, outreach sessions, educational and documentary films and student interventions and through HIV/AIDS clubs set up in schools in Burkina Faso and Cameroon. In addition to raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, the organization provides the means to minimize the effects of extreme poverty, which strikes mostly when household resources prove insufficient to secure the essentials of dignified living. It also works to prevent young girls from engaging in sex work as a survival strategy. The organization actively works to educate children about behavioural change strategies in an effort to help them understand that they may be part of the solution.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization changed its name from African Child Care Association to African Aid Organization.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization successfully carried out programmes on behavioural change (which it considers to be the most important, if not the only route to prevention) and education, and provided such support as poverty reduction programmes, nutritional advice and food to the most needy families, particularly vulnerable young single mothers. Its programmes are always recalibrated to keep their effectiveness intact. Its target population is children up to the age of 24 and their loved ones. In terms of support, the organization has developed easily understood methods to address women's most critical needs, in order to unleash their potential to help communities lift themselves out of extreme poverty by providing them with tools, strategies and resources to help them increase and save their earnings. To reach more people in the communities, the organization has created and implemented HIV/AIDS clubs in schools, in which it coaches boys and girls about HIV/AIDS and provides them with tools to protect themselves. They then go to their respective communities to educate other individuals on the facts regarding HIV/AIDS, in order to help overcome the causes of intolerance, stigma and discrimination.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization did not participate in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies as it focuses its activities on the development and implementation of programmes to prevent HIV/AIDS, reduce poverty and increase social awareness, and on expanding its knowledge on the matter, working mainly with local organizations in Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Uganda.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization did not take part in projects in collaboration with United Nations bodies or specialized agencies in the field or at Headquarters. However, having opened an office in New York in November 2011, its representatives will be willing to get involved with United Nations bodies or specialized agencies projects at Headquarters.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, the organization contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Uganda by:

- Providing nutritional advice and food to 1,317 children and needy families
- Fighting HIV/AIDS and extreme poverty through its programmes and initiatives
- Connecting pregnant and nursing mothers with the care they need

In addition, the organization observes World AIDS Day each year on 1 December. Its biggest World AIDS Day ceremony was held in September 2009 at the regional

hospital of Mbalmayo, Cameroon. The event resulted in a turnout of several hundred people, including a Chinese delegation from a local Chinese clinic.

Additional information

Since its inception, the organization has been guided by a fundamental commitment to human rights and the alleviation of human suffering. Through its programmes, the organization works to achieve the goal of universal access to prevention, treatment and care. It also fights extreme poverty and discrimination in sub-Saharan Africa.

3. Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development

Special, 2008

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization pursued rights-based development and social justice in Africa, working with communities on livelihoods and food sovereignty, HIV/AIDS, peacebuilding and women's rights. It also conducted related research, campaigns and advocacy at the pan-African and international levels.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2011. On 24 February 2011, it organized a side event on protection and restitution for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and disseminated a research report from the Great Lakes region.

The organization also participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in March 2010.

The organization was invited by the Economic Commission for Africa to a dialogue on the Millennium Development Goals, held in Accra in November 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization collaborated with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in several African countries to:

- Strengthen the livelihoods of vulnerable households affected by food and pastoral crises, reaching 4,000 beneficiaries in Hadjer Lamis and Guera, Chad, in 2011
- Support 5,200 vulnerable households in western and central Sahel, Chad, in 2011, by helping them to grow vegetables
- Implement an animal health project in Gambella, Ethiopia, in 2008
- Support the food security and livelihoods of vulnerable returnees in five villages in Kassala state, the Sudan, in 2008
- Support the training of community animal health workers in the Sudan in 2008

- Distribute assorted vegetable seeds to 7,900 households in the Sudan in 2008

The organization cooperated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to:

- Carry out a study of women's associations in Burundi in 2009
- Implement a project to provide HIV/AIDS services to truck drivers and female sex workers in Kassala, Port Sudan and Khartoum, the Sudan, in 2008 and 2009
- Implement projects to improve livelihoods and food security for people in the Halaib community in Red Sea Hills, the Sudan, in 2009 and 2011
- Support community dialogue and reconciliation in Kenya in the aftermath of election-related violence, in 2010 and 2011

The organization cooperated with UNESCO to create a workshop on conflict prevention and a peacebuilding network for the Great Lakes region and the Horn of Africa in Burundi in 2010.

The organization cooperated with UNFPA to provide vocational training to young people in Burundi in 2008 and 2009, and to provide information about reproductive health and preventing HIV/AIDS to young people in schools in the Sudan in 2011.

The organization cooperated with UNHCR to:

- Provide support to refugees from Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia and other countries who are living in Guinea, in 2009-2011
- Provide small business assistance, extensions, training and seminars under a local settlement programme in Guinea, in 2008
- Implement a project to provide protection and assistance to refugees and asylum seekers in eastern regions of the Sudan, in 2010 and 2011
- Carry out activities to improve the livelihoods of camp-based refugees in eastern regions of the Sudan, in 2008 and 2009

The organization cooperated with UNICEF to:

- Disseminate best practices on community hygiene and sanitation in Chad, in 2011
- Promote awareness of breastfeeding and infant diet in Hodh El Gharbi, Mauritania, in 2010 and 2011
- Provide psychosocial support to children affected by war, in Kassala state, the Sudan, in 2009
- Promote sanitation and hygiene practices in resettling communities, in Gulu, Uganda, in 2009
- Implement a hepatitis E emergency response project in Uganda, in 2008 and 2009
- Increase the use of long-lasting insecticide-treated nets and oral rehydration treatments in Gulu in 2008

The organization cooperated with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and UN-Women to:

- Implement a project to combat gender inequality and the exclusion of women, in Mushi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, in 2010 and 2011
- Achieve the sustainable empowerment of South Sudanese women in the democratic process in the 2010 elections
- Help to advance the role of women in peacebuilding through their socioeconomic empowerment, in Bujumbura Mairie, Burundi, in 2008

The organization cooperated with the World Food Programme to conduct agricultural extension, assess land use and crop yield and monitor distribution in refugee settlements in Adjumani and Moyo, Uganda, in 2008.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of the organization helped to achieve Goals 1, 3 and 6 of the Millennium Development Goals through its:

- Support to small-scale farmers and pastoralists, particularly women, to improve their agricultural production and income and participate in policymaking
- Programme entitled "Hidden war crimes: stopping impunity on sexual- and gender-based violence in the Great Lakes region" from 2009 to 2011, funded by the Government of the Netherlands
- Activities to stop HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination and raise awareness of and implement workplace policies on HIV/AIDS

Additional information

In 2011, the organization, with UNDP in Kenya and the Kenyan National Steering Committee on Peacebuilding and Conflict Management, published "Community peace recovery and reconciliation: a handbook for generating leadership for sustainable peace and recovery among divided communities".

4. Al-Haq

Special, 2000

Introduction

Al-Haq is an independent Palestinian non-governmental human rights organization based in Ramallah, West Bank. It was established in 1979 to protect and promote human rights and the rule of law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization advocates nationally and internationally to promote the rule of law and respect for human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, through legal research, documentation and building capacity to address violations of the

individual and collective rights of Palestinians under international law, irrespective of the identity of the perpetrator.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the development agenda of the United Nations by pursuing universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. It also works on issues of protected persons in armed conflict and accountability for breaches of international law. It does that by utilizing the overarching legal framework provided by the norms and instruments of international human rights and international humanitarian law.

The core activities of the organization focus on the following areas:

(a) The promotion of laws and policies at the national and international levels that respect and comply with international law;

(b) The pursuance of accountability of perpetrators and justice for victims of international human rights and humanitarian law violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory;

(c) The development of the work of the organization as a centre for applied international humanitarian and human rights law.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The United Nations remains an important forum for the international advocacy of the organization, for which its long-standing work in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and strong legal analysis are major assets in promoting an end to the occupation and the respect of the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people. The presence of the organization at the United Nations is all the more important as it is one of the few voices, and often the only voice, of Palestinian civil society.

Examples of meetings and cooperation of the organization with United Nations bodies are given below.

In 2008, the organization attended the seventh and eighth regular sessions of the Human Rights Council, at which it submitted oral and written statements.

In 2009, it participated in the ninth special session of the Human Rights Council, at which the Council adopted a resolution calling for a fact-finding mission to be established.

In 2010, the organization attended the thirteenth to fifteenth regular sessions of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva, at which it made oral and written interventions, specifically on Israeli violations of religious freedom and freedom of movement at the thirteenth session, and on forcible transfers at the fourteenth session.

In 2011, it attended the sixteenth to eighteenth regular sessions of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva, at which it made oral and written statements.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In preparing written submissions for the universal periodic review of Israel, in December 2008, the organization coordinated a coalition of Palestinian NGOs. In May 2009, it participated in the Committee against Torture, which included a review of the compliance of Israel with the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

In July 2009, the organization submitted its alternative report to the Human Rights Committee regarding the violations and failed implementation of Israel of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. In July 2010, it submitted two alternative reports to the Human Rights Committee outlining serious concerns about violations of the Covenant committed in the occupied Palestinian territories, with the support of evidence, factual information and a legal analysis.

In November 2010, the organization submitted an alternative report to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights highlighting the failure of Israel to implement the obligations of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the occupied Palestinian territories.

In November 2011, it presented two parallel reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to shed light on the failure of Israel to uphold the basic rights enshrined in the Covenant.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The documentation and advocacy work of the organization encompasses the implementation of some of the Millennium Development Goals in relation to the occupied Palestinian territories, such as the eradication of poverty and hunger, the achievement of universal primary education, the reduction of child mortality, the improvement of maternal health and ensuring environmental sustainability.

5. Bharat Sevashram Sangha

Special, 2008

Introduction

Bharat Sevashram Sangha is a spiritual brotherhood of monks and selfless workers devoted to the service of humanity. It was founded in 1917 by Acharya Srimat Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj. It is a philanthropic and charitable organization with a non-sectarian, non-communal and non-political character and outlook.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to:

- Help the distressed, nurse the sick, feed the hungry and clothe the naked
- Give necessary relief to people affected by flood, famine or other disasters in India
- Establish *Sevashram* (centres of service) in different parts of the country and maintain, administer and assist free educational and medical institutions and

other charitable societies to help to spread education and provide help to the needy

- Improve the social and material condition of the people by encouraging home-industry, irrespective of caste and creed
- Create, assist, preach, propagate and foster the spiritual, cultural and ancient heritage of India
- Promote sympathy, tolerance, goodwill and unity among the followers of different faiths, so as to evolve a high sense of religious and social goodwill and peaceful coexistence
- Promote educational facilities in the land, particularly among people with special needs, outcasts and the depressed classes

Significant changes in the organization

The organization continues to expand its activities in all areas, thereby continuing to strive to achieve all Millennium Development Goals.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations is demonstrated by its representative to the United Nations, who collaborates with other faiths and travels to various countries to resolve conflicts. Sponsored by other NGOs, the representative has travelled to Israel, Lebanon, the Republic of Korea and the Syrian Arab Republic to bring peace to those regions. The representative attended goodwill meetings in Australia, Japan and Malaysia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The representative of the organization is on the mailing list of various United Nations departments; he has eagerly and anxiously attended various United Nations meetings at Headquarters and will continue to do so.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The representative of the organization is the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns, a committee of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations. The aim of that Committee is to engage United Nations departments and Member States to institute spirituality as an ingredient in conflict resolution.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization works with aboriginal people in Fiji, Guyana, India and Nepal. It has expanded its mobile medical unit in order to reach the remotest villages and has added more schools and hospitals at its various centres. It has established another industrial training institute and will be starting similar institutes in its other centres.

Additional information

The organization is looking to further increase its involvement with all United Nations departments and to engage local governments in collaboration with United Nations agencies at the grass-roots level.

6. Black Sea Civil Society Solidarity Association

Special, 2008

Introduction

With a membership comprising 23 NGOs, the organization is one of the largest and most active NGO confederations in Turkey.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main purpose of the organization is to improve the quality of life of its members throughout the Black Sea region of Turkey by improving the environmental, living, human rights and business conditions of its members.

The organization feels empowered to do its job by its consultative status with the Council, which allows it to participate at various meetings held at the United Nations and learn from other NGOs around the world.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization feels more knowledgeable about its ways of improving the quality of life of its members, by contacting and exchanging ideas with other NGOs around the world.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in numerous meetings and conferences open to NGOs and described and shared its experiences as an NGO confederation. Most of the opinions declared at the meetings were well received by the attendees and requests for more information were made.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

A representative of the organization attended several open-ended conferences, met with other NGOs and exchanged opinions on women's rights, ageing and the rights of disabled people. The representative exchanged opinions with another NGO in consultative status with the Council, Global Action on Aging, on the rights and conditions of the elderly in Turkey. The video interview will be shown to all member NGOs of the organization in Turkey and may be used in a television advertisement of Global Action on Aging.

Additional information

On the strength of the benefits and knowledge that the organization has gained through its activities with the United Nations, it decided to encourage other large NGOs in Turkey to apply for consultative status with the Council.

7. Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance Foundation

Special, 2008

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance Foundation contributed to the work of United Nations by:

- Submitting a shadow report on violence against women and the reform of discriminatory articles in family law to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at its forty-fifth session, held in Geneva from 18 January to 5 February 2010
- Contributing to the preparation and submission of a collective shadow report prepared by an Egyptian coalition on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, on incest and divorce in Christianity
- Giving a presentation during the aforementioned session of the Committee, on behalf of 18 participating NGOs from Egypt, at an informal meeting with Committee members
- Lobbying policymakers at the national level for the implementation of Committee recommendations
- Participating in a programme entitled "From global to local", organized by the NGO International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific, held in Geneva in January 2010, focusing on preparing oral statements, organizing lunch meetings with Committee members, lobbying individual Committee members and making recommendations for concluding observations

The organization was selected to be the Middle East coordinator of a global movement for equality and justice in Muslim families, comprising NGOs, activists, scholars, practitioners, policymakers and women and men who work for equality and justice in Muslim families, in compliance with equality and rights as stipulated by the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in March 2009. The theme of the session was "The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS". A member of the organization was appointed to the drafting committee for the statement by the African Women's Caucus. The member was also the facilitator for the African Caucus session, tasked with discussing the draft statement and lobbying. The member formulated and promoted an international campaign on affordable AIDS drugs and lobbied heavily until it was adopted by the AIDS Caucus.

The organization participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 1 to 12 March 2010, on the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

As a founding member of the Arab Women's Network "Roa'a", the organization participated in writing a shadow report on the implementation of the Beijing

Platform for Action in Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia and the Syrian Arab Republic.

In February 2010, the organization participated in the universal periodic review of Egypt, as part of the seventh session of the Human Rights Council, for which it took part in writing and submitting a shadow report focusing on violence against women in Egypt, sexual harassment against women, children's rights, child labour and education.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In March 2009, the organization submitted a project proposal entitled "For an Egyptian family law, for more justice for Muslim and Christian women" to the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization carried out a project entitled "Reproductive health for women" that raised awareness through public seminars on issues related to maternal health, such as premarital tests, the most common sexual problems and sexually transmitted diseases, the stages of pregnancy and childbirth, unsafe home births and infections due to pregnancy.

During the reporting period, the organization provided literacy classes to 394 people and educational services to 265 people to pursue their education.

It also carried out advocacy campaigns that included training sessions, seminars and round-table discussions with decision makers, aimed at promoting gender equality and empowering women.

The organization fights hard to promote women's issues in the framework of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, human rights conventions and the constitutional liabilities of Egypt. The issues include violence against women, women's issues and the path of democracy, political reform and the personal status law.

8. Children International

Special, 2008

Introduction

Children International is a non-governmental humanitarian organization that focuses on the health and education of children and youth. It works in Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Mexico, the Philippines, the United States of America and Zambia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to bring real and lasting change to children living in poverty. In partnership with contributors, it reduces their daily struggles, invests in their potential and provides them with the opportunity to grow to become healthy, educated and prepared to succeed and contribute to society.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The work of the organization supports the Millennium Development Goals. During the reporting period, the organization provided expert consultation on youth issues and media awareness for several United Nations campaigns. It participated in the Stand Up and Take Action against Poverty initiative from 2008 to 2010, through news releases and social media posts in the United States and other countries. It also participated with the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation in activities for International Youth Day in 2008 and 2009, by sending 11 youths from 11 countries to speak at the events. In 2010 and 2011, owing to the global economic crisis, Children International was financially unable to participate.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In the Philippines, Children International has a close and ongoing relationship with the UNESCO cluster office, with which it partners to provide psychosocial care to children in areas affected by typhoons or other disasters. In July 2011, a representative of the organization participated in the preparations for the High-level Meeting on Youth, held at Headquarters. In March 2011, the representative participated in the event held by UNESCO to launch its "2011 Education for All Global Monitoring Report".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has special consultative status with the United Nations regarding youth issues. Every year, it supports and observes Universal Children's Day and International Youth Day. The organization continually reaches out to UNICEF offices in the 11 countries where it operates, with little response. It cooperates with the United Nations on youth issues. In October 2011, the United Nations Federal Credit Union selected Children International as a beneficiary charity of the annual employee awareness campaign.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of the organization encompasses and supports all of the Millennium Development Goals. Every year, through its youth programmes, the organization performs reforestation activities in the Dominican Republic, environmental clean-up events in Guadalajara, Mexico, and microcredit programmes in Guatemala to benefit small business owners. The organization uses social media to disseminate news to commemorate International Youth Day, Universal Children's Day and World AIDS Day, and about the Stand Up and Take Action against Poverty initiative.

Additional information

During the reporting period, the organization supported the Millennium Development Goals by dedicating four pages on its website to International Youth Day and by issuing 15 multimedia news releases, 20 newsletter articles and three annual "youth report cards". In 2008, with the support of the organization, four youths participated in International Youth Day activities in New York. Two of them won Youth Achievement Awards for their work with environmental issues. In 2009, 11 youths, one from each of the countries in which the organization operates, participated in an International Youth Day event at Headquarters. One of them won

the Outstanding Youth Achievement Award for implementing a microcredit programme in Guatemala. A youth from Honduras spoke at the plenary session of the event. Three other youths led a workshop on community development projects at the event.

9. Endeavour Forum

Special, 2000

Introduction

Endeavour Forum is a pro-family women's NGO based in Australia that has links with similar groups overseas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Endeavour Forum aims to enhance the status of women, in particular in the roles unique to women, such as pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The organization regularly attends meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York and organizes parallel NGO events.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in every session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with the United Nations on issues pertaining to women's health and human rights and to the rights and welfare of children through UNICEF.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The main initiative of the organization was at the sixty-third United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, in 2010, at which it had a booth, sponsored several youth delegates and held a parallel event.

Additional information

Endeavour Forum is concerned about the rise in sex trafficking in women and the rise in sexually transmitted diseases, and aims to alleviate the poverty of women, which leads to such abuses.

10. Global Foundation for Democracy and Development

Special, 2004

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The organization is dedicated to promoting and advancing issues at the forefront of the United Nations agenda.

In 2008, the organization launched the online "Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment", which in 2011 was converted into a print publication.

Other programmes related to the environment include training sessions on biodiversity protection for more than 100 judicial officials from the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica in 2008 and 2009, in association with the Environmental Law Institute and the United Nations; training sessions for civil servants on payments for ecological services in 2009 and 2010, in partnership with the Organization of American States; and a national meeting on marine mammals in 2009.

In 2011, the organization created the first ever "Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival".

The organization has collaborated with the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic to coordinate annual Model United Nations educational simulations in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, the United States and France.

Since 2005, the organization has been the organizing institution and host of Virtual Educa Caribe, an initiative that unites experts in education, technology and professional development from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

In 2009, the organization opened the Juan Bosch Library, providing universal access to books, academic journals, United Nations reports and multimedia materials.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 2 to 13 May 2011, at which it organized a side event entitled "Global perspectives on gold mining: evaluating potential and constraints".

It also participated in the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development, held from 11 to 15 April 2011, at which it organized a side event entitled "Mainstreaming mental health within public health paradigms: a global look at advances and challenges".

At the second UNFPA conference on Population Dynamics and Climate Change, held in Mexico City from 13 to 15 October 2010, the organization called attention to population and climate change challenges in the Dominican Republic and the actions being taken to confront the challenges.

During the thematic debate on gender equality and the empowerment of women, held as part of the 2010 high-level segment of the Council, from 28 June to 2 July 2010, the organization organized a side event entitled "Empowerment of young women through the youth delegates to the United Nations programme".

At the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 3 to 14 May 2010, the organization arranged a side event entitled "A multidimensional approach to sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals: the Santo Domingo metro system as a model for mass sustainable transport".

At the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development multi-year expert meeting on commodities and development, held in Geneva on 6 and 7 April 2009, the organization presented a report entitled "Struggling with commodity price swings as a challenge to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals".

At the sixty-first United Nations Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Paris from 3 to 5 September 2008, the organization organized a panel to discuss proposals devised by Dominican and Haitian youth concerning strategies for strengthening respect for human dignity on the island of Hispaniola.

The organization participated in the Innovation Fair of the Council, from 30 June to 3 July 2008.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From 17 to 20 July 2011, the organization held a three-day academic conference entitled "The presence of Africa in the Caribbean, the Antilles and the United States", in partnership with the Dominican National Commission for UNESCO.

On 11 August 2010, the organization partnered with UNFPA to coordinate the forum entitled "Population dynamics and climate change: linkages and policy implications".

From 25 to 27 August 2008 and from 21 to 23 April 2009, the organization partnered with the United Nations Environment Programme to offer training on biodiversity for judges.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In addition to carrying out relevant research, the organization coordinates specific programmes that help to fulfil Goals 3, 7 and 8 of the Millennium Development Goals.

Hundreds of women benefit from the initiatives of the organization each year. Through participation in the Model United Nations initiative, hundreds of young women from the Dominican Republic and other countries receive the opportunity to learn about world affairs and the work of the United Nations system.

Through its conferences, publications and professional development and awareness-raising initiatives, the organization works to promote environmental stewardship.

The organization partners with international institutions to promote the exchange of knowledge and best practices. The organization develops partnerships for development through the Global Media Arts Institute, the Dominican Republic Global Film Festival and the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival.

Such initiatives serve as catalysts for the expansion of the cinematographic industry in the Dominican Republic.

11. GOI Peace Foundation

Special, 2004

Significant changes in the organization

In April 2010, the GOI Peace Foundation was authorized by the Government of Japan as a public interest incorporated foundation qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

In order to address the social, economic, cultural and environmental problems of today, the organization focuses primarily on awareness-raising and education for peace and sustainable development, local and global community-building, and the empowerment of citizens, especially young people.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization was represented at the forty-seventh, forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York in 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

The President of the organization made an oral statement at the UNESCO Partners' Forum, held in Paris on 5 October 2009, on the theme "Partnerships in movement".

On 1 April 2010, a representative of the organization made an oral presentation at the 184th session of the UNESCO Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations of the Executive Board, on the theme "NGOs' activities and concrete examples of cooperation with UNESCO".

The organization submitted a written statement entitled "Earth kids space: an innovative programme for quality education" for the annual ministerial review, as part of the 2011 high-level segment of the Council, held in Geneva from 4 to 29 July 2011 (see E/2011/NGO/69).

Representatives of the organization attended as observers the sixth UNESCO Youth Forum, held from 1 to 3 October 2009; the thirty-fifth session of the UNESCO General Conference, held from 6 to 23 October 2009; and the thirty-sixth session of the UNESCO General Conference, held from 25 October to 10 November 2011.

The organization was represented at the second UNESCO Asian Youth Forum, held in Gwangju, Republic of Korea, from 26 to 30 June 2008 and at several meetings in Tokyo, including the International Labour Organization (ILO) Peacebuilding Forum Joint Public Seminar, entitled "Making peace through decent work", held on 28 January 2008; a meeting of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, held on 27 March 2008; the UNESCO/United Nations University international conference entitled "Africa and globalization: learning from the past, enabling a better future", held on 28 and 29 September 2009; and the United Nations University interactive seminar entitled "Introducing sustainability science", held on 14 November 2011.

A representative of the organization attended the United Nations Institute for Training and Research public sessions, held in Hiroshima, Japan, on 6 April, 13 May and 6 July 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with UNESCO as an official partner of the seventh UNESCO Youth Forum, held in Paris from 17 to 20 October 2011, during which it organized various programmes and made a financial contribution to support the event production and the participation of youths from least developed countries and disadvantaged groups.

During the reporting period, the organization co-organized with UNESCO the annual International Essay Contest for Young People to empower the youth of the world and promote a culture of peace and sustainable development.

It also organized an event held in Geneva on 14 September 2009 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of ILO and highlight the Millennium Development Goals, in order to advance opportunities for all people to obtain decent and productive work.

In December 2010, the educational programme of the organization, entitled "Earth kids space", was recognized as an official activity of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, the organization and its members participated in the Stand Up and Take Action against Poverty initiative, as well as events to mark the International Day of Peace and to promote the Millennium Development Goals.

Through its "Earth kids space" programme, the organization provided education for sustainable development in 34 centres in Japan and worldwide.

Every year during the reporting period, the organization held a peace foundation forum in Tokyo to address peacebuilding and sustainable development through topics such as philanthropy, new science, human development, community-building and social entrepreneurship.

It also held public lectures on values for the twenty-first century, for which 16 events were held in Japan during the reporting period. As part of the lectures, forward-thinking experts in various fields discussed new knowledge and wisdom for creating a viable world.

It also delivered a lecture series by ambassadors on "Cultural diversity in a globalized world" at Gunma Prefectural Women's University, Japan.

In 2010 and 2011, the organization held bimonthly dialogues on "Living in a new civilization", to build sustainable lifestyle communities.

From 18 to 24 February 2008, the organization participated in a symposium and exchange programme of Asian educators in Tokyo on the theme "Creating a culture of peace through education".

The organization arranged a summer camp for young people to raise environmental and ecological awareness, in Nagano, Japan, from 23 to 25 July 2011.

The organization produced three publications of articles by leading civil society organizations, visionaries, business leaders and social entrepreneurs, in which they discussed social innovation for a just and sustainable world.

12. Gran Fraternidad Universal

Special, 2000

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization hosted two international forums on interfaith themes, at which official representatives of Buddhism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islamism, Hinduism and indigenous groups participated. Representatives of the organization helped to set the objectives of promoting religious freedom and educating individuals in order to exercise greater tolerance for other religions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2010, the organization was represented at the sixty-third United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, with the purpose of acquiring information for dissemination to its members in the 23 countries in which it is present.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization worked with the Environmental Committee of the United Nations Association of Australia on a special project addressing the role of overpopulation.

From 26 July to 16 August 2009, in an effort to make advances in the culture of peace, the organization held the fifth international summit of children and youth for peace in Mexico City, Tarimoro and Guanajuato, Mexico, with an attendance of 5,000 people. The main objective of the event was to educate young people on cultural peace and the environment and establish a psychophysical culture for human and personal development. Eleven countries participated in the event, whose supporters included UNESCO, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the government of the Federal District of Mexico City and the Secretary of Culture for Mexico.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

To achieve universal primary education, the organization provided:

- Free elementary school classes to 480 children
- Psychophysical and martial arts exercises to 4,124 children
- Art workshops and exhibitions to 4,602 people
- School supplies packets to 1,259 children
- Educational training to 208 teachers

To promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, the organization provided:

- Psychophysical exercises for 19,853 women
- Preventive medicine instruction for 10,620 women
- Preventive education to 3,490 sex workers
- Cultural activities, including art, music, languages and martial arts, to 4,888 people
- Schooling for 3,873 parents
- Workshops on wholesome cooking to 14,328 people
- Conferences on the relationship between men and women to 1,480 people

To reduce child mortality, the organization provided:

- Prenatal education to 10,601 people
- Medical consultations to 2,807 people
- Workshops on early intervention, nutrition for babies and natural birth to 1,620 people

To improve maternal health, the organization provided:

- Conferences on prenatal education to 19,851 people
- Psychological orientation to 4,642 women
- Courses on alternative therapies to 1,390 people
- Medical consultations to 200 people
- Treatments for early intervention before and after birth and breastfeeding to 620 people
- Instruction on preparing for birth using yoga to 994 women
- Counselling on fertility, breastfeeding and child education to 820 people

To combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, the organization provided:

- Conferences on preventive medicine and healthy loving partner relationships to 2,422 people
- Workshops on sexually transmitted diseases to 667 people
- Medical consultations to 540 people
- Food and health care to 600 homeless people
- Alternative therapy treatment to 980 people suffering from fibromyalgia
- Conferences on physical, emotional and spiritual development reaching 10,334 people
- Psychophysical exercises and yoga classes to 10,532 people, including senior citizens and psychiatric patients

To ensure environmental sustainability, the organization:

- Held walks and hikes to promote environmental protection for 2,057 people
- Provided ecological workshops to 3,120 people
- Planted 5,663 trees
- Held workshops on conservation techniques for 295 children

13. Inter-American Statistical Institute

Special, 1952

Introduction

The Inter-American Statistical Institute is a professional organization aimed at promoting statistical development in the American region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization are (a) to develop and strengthen the statistical profession; (b) to promote and disseminate advances in statistical theory and methods; (c) to improve the methodology for production of both governmental and non-governmental statistics; (d) to promote measures aimed at improving the comparability and availability of economic and social statistics among the nations of the region; and (e) to cooperate with national and international organizations in activities aimed at statistical improvement in the region.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The secretariat of the organization regularly submits basic information for the preparation of reports to the sessions of the Statistical Commission. Information on the statistical activities of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies is regularly disseminated through the newsletter and web page of the organization.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Delegations from the organization, headed by its technical secretary, attended the thirty-ninth to the forty-first sessions of the Statistical Commission, held in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The technical secretary of the organization attended the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, in 2011. During the reporting period, the technical secretary also participated in the eighth to tenth meetings of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, held in Santo Domingo, Santiago and Havana. Permanent consultations are maintained with the Statistics Division of ECLAC to coordinate activities. The Division is invited to participate in the meetings on public statistics held by the organization.

Additional information

The main work of the organization involves (a) publications, including in the scientific journal *Estadística* and a bilingual quarterly newsletter in Spanish and English; (b) seminars on applied statistics; (c) meetings on public statistics; (d) activities oriented towards the professional sector, including courses on statistical methods and analyses for lifetime data and sampling in complex surveys; and (e) its own award for excellence.

14. Islamic Women's Institute of Iran

Special, 2000

Introduction

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are to:

- Build the capacity of families, including young people and women, by offering training in the rights of citizens, civil justice, health, property and international law
- Provide training to promote public skills, awareness and employment
- Provide training to implement different projects towards achieving the goals of the United Nations
- Continuously improve and attain sustainable development goals

The organization works closely with many NGOs at meetings all over the world.

The activities of the organization include the following:

- Research, cooperation and capacity-building to achieve development goals
- Empowering people and improving public awareness, sharing information and ideas and the transfer of science and technology
- Contributing to the realization of social and economic rights within a human rights framework
- Removing discrimination against women, children, people with disabilities and senior citizens and supporting vulnerable groups in society
- Supporting the achievement of Agenda 21, including sustainable development
- Achieving poverty alleviation, economic growth and technology transfer and gaining aid and support to improve and attain sustainable development goals
- Providing training to promote public skills, awareness and employment
- Attaining peace for families by improving their awareness and skills

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the fifty-second and fifty-third sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2008 and 2009, respectively.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization attended the thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva in March 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization worked closely at the national level on an activity supported by the Global Environment Facility, administered by the United Nations Development Programme.

15. Women and Modern World Centre

Special, 2008

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to provide practical help to women from all over Azerbaijan; create opportunities for Azerbaijani women to integrate into Europe and the world as a whole; protect human rights and women's rights; eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination against women; cooperate with partners in the sphere of gender problems, planning family and reproductive health; create partnerships to reduce poverty among women; and prevent conflicts.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations

The Centre took an active part in a project carried out with the United Nations Democracy Fund, aimed at delivering international humanitarian aid to refugees, internally displaced persons, low-income families and victims of war in Azerbaijan. From 2008 to 2010, the organization also carried out a project entitled "Underpinning and development of democratic electoral processes in Azerbaijan", with the support of the Fund. The aim of that project was to increase the active participation of women in elections and in the development of democratic processes in Azerbaijan, in the belief that elections are an integral part of every democratic State having established an open society. As part of the project, information-based training courses were planned, with the participation of 25 people from 10 regions. The project aimed at disseminating democratic values and mobilizing women to participate in elections. The project included an educational programme on the most critical themes in the field of democratic elections and the rights of women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization took part in the global consultation between the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), held in New York on 16 and 17 February 2010. The aim of the consultation was to exchange views and review the outcome of the 15-year review of the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development, and to advance the agenda of the International Conference and arrange linkages with a 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Millennium Development Goals. The second day of the consultation was dedicated to discussing how regional NGOs and parliamentarians could work together to advocate for the Programme of Action of the International Conference and major events in 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates closely and holds cooperation discussions with many organizations of the United Nations, such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Democracy Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UNFPA and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). It cooperates closely with the United Nations office in Baku and with the United Nations Information Centre in Baku.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The activities of the organization are connected with the problem of early marriage, such as strengthening the efficiency of actions of various State structures and public organizations against early marriage in the remote regions of Azerbaijan, in order to strengthen initiatives on women's rights in those regions. Its work is aimed at supporting the right to education of young girls from the remote regions of Azerbaijan, who form a vulnerable group. The organization works for the legal protection of girls in the remote regions of the country to make changes that would lead to the improvement of the gender situation and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in those regions of Azerbaijan.

Additional information

The organization takes part in different discussions of the Council to express its views. It intends to expand its ties with the Council and take part in different events held by the Council in the future.

As an organization in consultative status with the Council, it distributes among NGOs and interested persons in Azerbaijan information about the issues discussed and decisions taken by the Council and the United Nations.